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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

The Omaha Post has been working hard to provide information about education and training opportunities, to grow membership, and to recruit and develop young members.

Education and Training

Training opportunities have been plentiful, although not necessarily handy! A representative group of Omaha Post members attended the joint Missouri River and Texoma Regional Conference, held in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Joint Engineer Senior NCO Symposium. Fort Leonard Wood hosted the events on October 3-5th. Attendees participated in discussions that included work load projections, joint training and operations, as well as networked with key industry and senior agency leaders.

SAME Omaha Post member also attended the USACE Small Business Conference held in St. Louis on Nov. 13-15th. The event brought together small business leaders and key USACE decision makers. This annual conference is one of only two events each year where virtually every Corps of Engineers District Commander is present, along with many key decision makers from their staffs.

Membership

Membership in both the public and private sectors has been on the decline for the last few years. Yet, as this year draws to a close, if we stay on track, we may show a positive upward change in both sustaining and individual memberships. (Although – we could use one or two more new memberships before the end of the month *if* we wish to allow our committee members to relax and enjoy the holidays!)

If you have been reading the news from Century House, you will already be aware that the headquarters is moving forward with a new Association Management System. The individual member portion of the AMS has already been implemented, and the sustaining member portion is transitioning this month. As you prepare to update your membership (and all individual memberships expire on December 31st [of this year or a coming year], if you find you need a bit of help in completing your renewal – please feel free to contact any of the Omaha Post board of directors. You can find their contact information at www.sameomaha.org.



Young Members

The Omaha Post has been working with a variety of age groups. The Student Mentoring Program kicked off on October 16th with teacher/mentor orientation. This year's SMP includes groups from 12 middle schools and 15 high schools, introducing these young adults to engineering and related fields, and encouraging their pursuit of a career in the built environment.

The student chapter has been exceptionally energetic. The very active and organized Board of Directors is focused and driven. Their group has been hosting student meetings on a regular basis. An event I attended during the autumn included approximately two dozen student members as well as guests – a great showing!

The last group includes the “official” young members – those professionals who are 35 or younger. Starting with a planning meeting in October, the YMs are organizing under the leadership of Paul Sutto. Sutto, former YM chair for the National HQ, will bring his national experience to our local group. This is a great time for Sustaining Member firms to encourage their YM representative to increase their participation and visibility.

In closing, it was a busy three months, a fitting end to a busy year. As 2006 draws to a close, I can not help but reflect on the happenings over the prior 12 months. It was a time of challenges and changes, both personally and professionally. Yet, as I look back over the months, it is the happy times, the wonderful friends, and the loving family that comes to mind. The Society of American Military Engineers supplied many opportunities to enjoy camaraderie, to network, and to enhance my professional knowledge – and provided many of the high points of the year. As we prepare to start new in 2007, I encourage you to participate fully in this wonderful organization, and to make it a year of happy memories.

Wishing each of you the joys of the season, and prosperity throughout 2007.

Thank you,

Jeanne LeBron
President
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, December 14, 2006

General Membership Meeting
 Extended time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

“Building Information Modeling”

Mr. James "Toby" Wilson
 ERDC – Vicksburg

Mr. Pat Burns and Mr. Derek Cunz
 M.A. Mortenson Construction

Mr. Osong Kwon
 USACE – PKI

Ms. Faith Junghans
 CH2M-Hill

Location: Scott Conference Center*

Thursday, January 18, 2007

General Membership Meeting
 (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)

*“F.E. Warren AFB Wind Farm, and
 Alternative Energy”*

F. Robert McGregor, PhD, PE

PDH Opportunity
 (1:15 pm – 3:15 pm)

“Alternative Energy and LEED”

Mr. Jeff Riegler, LEED

Location: Scott Conference Center*

Thursday, February 22, 2007

E-Week Banquet

Note: There will be no General Membership Meeting in February due to E-week.

March 15, 2007

General Membership Meeting

Location: Scott Conference Center*

July 25-26, 2007

Industry Day / Golf Outing

Note the change in dates and mark your calendars now! Industry Day will be a one day event next year with our golf outing on the following day.

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JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2007

Luncheon meeting

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

PDH Opportunity

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Cost: \$20 if registered prior to 1/15/07, \$25 at the door

Mark your calendars for an exciting presentation, and follow on personal development hours (PDH) opportunity. On January 18th, the Omaha Post of the Society of American Military Engineers will offer two opportunities to learn more about Alternative Energy.

The general membership meeting, which includes lunch, will feature F. Robert McGregor, PhD, PE, discussing the F.E. Warren AFB Wind Farm, and alternative energy. The project was the first Air Force wind farm in the continental US. Dr. McGregor has over 30 years experience as a professional consulting engineer with special interests in watershed designs that complement the natural environment and enhance property values.

Immediately following the general membership meeting, the Omaha Post is pleased to provide you a 2-hour session on alternative energy and LEED. Explore how LEED can encompass innovative and creative ways to increase productivity, lower energy costs, reduce absenteeism, and improve employee retention. This will be a panel discussion, with opportunity for audience input, led by Mr. Jeff Riegle. Mr. Riegle is a LEED Accredited Professional with years of experience in the civilian and military sectors. He specializes in environmental and construction engineering.

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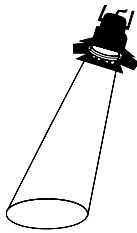
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

COLLEEN SLEPICKA



POSITION ON THE SAME BOARD?

Treasurer

Duties of this position?

Handle all the deposits and disbursements and report the financial position of the Omaha Post of SAME to the board members.

What's your "day" job?

I am the Finance Manager at Leo A Daly. My duties there include the financial reporting for the Omaha Office. I have one employee (just new to LAD) that handles all aspects of invoicing.

Personal Information

I recently bought a townhouse in west Omaha and am having fun decorating. I spend a lot of time with my mom, two sisters and three nieces.

How did you become involved with SAME?

Brian Clausen (the previous treasurer) recommended me for the position.

What has been personally fulfilling/beneficial from your work with SAME?

I enjoy watching the young members participate in competitions. It's exciting to see them enjoy what they are doing and get involved in activities that will benefit them for years to come.

What project/task/endeavor have you been most excited/proud to work on in conjunction with SAME?

Keeping track of the money and investments.

What benefits do you see for our community through SAME's work?

The money that we give out in scholarships. I would not be where I am today without my education. I think learning is important – all throughout your life.

What would you say to an individual thinking about joining SAME?

There are a lot of great, interesting people involved with SAME. With a little bit of time you can benefit so many people. The speakers at the monthly luncheons are interesting.

THANK YOU TO HDR

A special thank you to HDR for their generosity in sponsoring our July General Membership Meeting that was held at Rick's Board Yard. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks HDR!



You Can't Win If You Don't Attend!

"In addition to the great food, networking and excellent presentation, I won \$70 at the November General Membership Meeting with the kitty drawing! You could be a winner too, but you can't win if you don't attend!"

Mary Erwin, HDR

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR SUSTAINING MEMBER FIRMS

By Melissa Scaturro, Vice President - Membership

SAME Sustaining Member Alert: Restructuring of SAME Sustaining Memberships will increase benefits to Companies and Posts!

To better serve member companies, SAME now offers a National Membership. This change will enable companies to join SAME at the national level and then add-on Post memberships as desired.

This change - and the increased benefits it brings - **will be effective beginning January 1, 2007.**

All current SAME Sustaining Member companies that have a Corporate Profile listed in the *SAME Directory of Member Companies and Public Agencies* are being transitioned to this new structure. Therefore, each SAME Sustaining Member company will now have an SAME National Membership. Current Sustaining Members may update their national membership when they renew during the year.

Increased Flexibility and Benefits with an SAME National Membership!

With the transition to the new National Membership, SAME Sustaining Member Companies will enjoy more targeted benefits as well as more membership flexibility. For example, Sustaining Member national membership includes the following benefits:

- Four Executive Member Representatives who represent the company's leadership, or, for larger companies, their leadership in the federal or DoD markets. Executive Member Representatives will receive ***The Military Engineer Magazine*** and ***Government & Industry e-News*** and will be listed in the Corporate Profile that appears in the ***SAME Directory of Member Companies and Public Agencies***.
- One National Point of Contact Representative who will serve as the Primary Point of Contact (POC) for communications with SAME HQ and for all SAME related matters. The POC will receive ***The Military Engineer Magazine***, ***Government & Industry e-News*** and additional e-mail communications from SAME, and will be listed in the Corporate Profile that appears in the ***SAME Directory of Member Companies and Public Agencies***.
- One Post Membership with Five Sustaining Member Representatives, one of whom must be designated as the Primary Post POC, and one of whom must be a Young Member (age 35 years or younger). Sustaining Member Representatives

will receive all SAME publications and all SAME e-mail communications.

With a National SAME Membership, Sustaining Member Companies Can Join as Many SAME Posts as They Wish.....

With the transition to a National Membership, companies will have the opportunity to affiliate with SAME at the National level while enjoying the opportunity to affiliate with as many Posts as they wish. Each additional Post Membership will include five Sustaining Member Representatives (one of whom must be assigned to a Young Member or left vacant) who will receive all SAME publications and all SAME e-mail communications. A company may not join any Post without first joining SAME at the National Level.

...Or Add As Many Sustaining Member Representatives as They Desire

Additionally, companies will have the opportunity to purchase additional Sustaining Member Representative slots - over and above the five included in each Post membership - for each Post to which it belongs. There is no limit to the number of additional representative slots a company may purchase per Post, provided the company is already a member of that Post.

Sustaining Member Companies will be able to update their information on the SAME Web site starting Jan. 8, 2007, when the new association management system (AMS) is in place.

Important note to prospective members: All Individual Members renew membership once a year in January. This means all individual members need to renew their membership by end of December.

To learn more about joining SAME or to renew your membership, please visit www.same.org, or call SAME headquarters at (703) 549-3800 and ask to speak to someone in membership.

Thanks

Melissa Scaturro, Vice President - Membership
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AMEC's NEW ARMY SECTOR HIRE TO FOCUS ON THE WESTERN U.S.

Jeanne LeBron, an Omaha, Neb. native with strong ties to the military engineering community, has joined the international engineering services firm AMEC. With AMEC, LeBron will be responsible for federal business development primarily with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) west of the Missouri River.



Jeanne LeBron

Her initial focus will be with the USACE Omaha District and the Upper Northwest Division, as well as military installations in Colorado, including Fort Carson. Other areas of focus will include the USACE's Southwestern and South Pacific divisions.

"Jeanne has a solid understanding of the needs and vision of the U.S. Army, a strong background in federal program development, and an in-depth understanding of federal regulations, having been involved with federal business development for more than 11 years," said Brian W. Boose, AMEC vice president and Army sector leader. "She has strong relationships across all branches of the military, especially within the USACE; her knowledge and relationships, combined with AMEC's excellent reputation of being a value-added service provider, will allow AMEC to continue to grow our U.S. Army services within this geography."

LeBron is an active participant in the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the Society of Marketing Professional Services (SMPS). With SAME, she is president of the Omaha Post, a program track chairperson for the 2007 National SAME conference in Philadelphia, and a 2007 Fellow nominee. With ACEC, she is chairperson of the Federal Procurement and Advocacy Committee.

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We are working with contacts overseas to determine what their current needs are and will send our donations directly to the troops.

Help us show our soldiers that we care!

UPCOMING SUSTAINING MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

The following is a list of sustaining member firms that will be making a short presentation on their organization at future General Membership Luncheons:

December 14, 2006

PBS&J

Randy Graham

January 2007

Carter & Burgess, Inc.

Guy Wells

February 2007

No Presentation - E – Week

March 2007

No Presentation - Joint Meeting

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May 2007

Peter Kiewit

Donald Wreith

June 2007

No Presentation - SIMP Presentation

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Kirkham Michael has promoted Morgan Sykes, P.E., to Land Development Manager. Energetic, knowledgeable and hands-on, Morgan exudes confidence that clients seek when choosing a firm for land development services.



Morgan Sykes, PE


Morgan has eight years of experience and has worked for firms in both Nebraska and Colorado. In his new role, Morgan will focus on management responsibilities of the Land Development team, as well continuing to work on land development projects, including residential and commercial subdivisions.

John Adler, P.E., Sr. Vice President, who has managed the Land Development Department since the late 1950s is transitioning the management responsibilities to Morgan. John will continue to focus on client projects as he has for the last 50 years with Kirkham Michael.

"I am honored to lead a team that blends knowledge, tradition, and long term community relationships with the excitement of cutting edge ideas and technology," said Sykes.

Morgan received his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado. He is licensed in the states of Nebraska, Iowa, and Colorado.

"Morgan brings an energetic talent to our firm," said Roger Helgoth, PE, Kirkham Michael Vice President and Manager of Nebraska operations. "Under his direction, the Land Development Department is going to move forward in defining redevelopment possibilities and dealing with Brownfield issues, providing developers and communities with workable and sustainable solutions for less-than-perfect sites."



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DOUG PLACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

By Roger Wozny



In appreciation of his many years of volunteer assistance to the organization, the Omaha Post has established the Doug Plack Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship has been established in perpetuity, and from this date forward, will provide education and training funds for a member of the Society, or for someone in their family. The goal of the Plack Scholarship is to raise a base of \$20,000, from which the annual interest (approximately \$1,000) will be given to one student per year. The first recipients of the scholarship will be Doug's children, (Adam and Whitney).

Will you help us remember Doug - and continue his legacy of mentoring, assisting, and participating? Please donate to the Doug Plack Memorial scholarship by sending your check, made payable to SAME-Omaha Post, to Box 24804, Omaha, NE 68124. Please note on the memo line that the check is for the Plack Scholarship Fund.

A special thank you to the following who have graciously donated to this fund:

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For giving more than 30 years of dedication to the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the drinking water profession, Rich Robinson, P.E., of Kirkham Michael, receives the status of distinguished Life Member with the AWWA.



Rich Robinson, PE

Robinson, Manager of Municipal and Governmental Services at Kirkham Michael, has more than 35 years of managerial experience with civil engineering projects including: water, wastewater, storm sewer, transportation, and construction administration. By working together with clients, Rich has successfully designed and implemented productivity and cost control strategies to decrease design, construction, and operational expenses. Prior to joining Kirkham Michael, Rich was the Transportation Director for the City of Lincoln, Nebraska. He also served the City of Lincoln as City Engineer, Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, and Chief Engineer of Waterworks.

“Rich has been a leading professional at Kirkham Michael for 10 years,” said Roger M. Helgoth, PE, Kirkham Michael vice president and manager of Nebraska operations. “Rich is well known and respected by communities throughout the state for the service and knowledge he has provided them over the years. He truly deserves this recognition for doing such outstanding professional service!”

Robinson has served AWWA at both the state and national levels. He was Chairman of the Nebraska Section AWWA in 1985, has chaired numerous Nebraska committees since and is currently the Nebraska Section Membership Chair. He has been extremely active with the National AWWA, serving in positions on the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Water Utility Council, Dues Study Committee, Annual Conference Committee, Finance Committee, Policy Statement Committee, and Membership Committee. Rich has been recognized for his AWWA leadership with the Fuller Award in 1989 * the highest section level award.

Rich is a licensed professional engineer in the states of Nebraska and Iowa. He received both his Bachelors

and Masters in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska * Lincoln. He’s involved in numerous associations in addition to the AWWA: American Public Works Association; American Society of Civil Engineers; Water Environment Federation; Lincoln Engineers Club; Society of American Military Engineers, Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honorary; and the Omaha Engineers Club.

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UNO STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATE

By Adam McIntyre, President UNO Student Chapter

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Student Chapter has held two meetings so far this academic semester. The first meeting featured a presentation by Michael Frecks of 3DS2. The presentation focused on the use of laser scanners in surveying and imagery, and had more than 30 students attended.

Our second meeting featured Paul Boyd, P.E. and Curtis Miller from the Omaha branch of the Army Corps of Engineers. Their presentation was on hydrology and major hydrologic projects that they have worked on. Attendance at this meeting was about 20 students. Students have also been invited to attend the professional luncheons, and we have been able to send about three students each month. The student chapter has many plans for the upcoming year, with a social outing at Clancy's Pub in January to begin the semester. We hope to continue having meetings with good attendance, and plan to host a luncheon or event about once a month. Other plans include continuing to support the Student Initiative Mentoring Program with volunteers and an increased effort to provide some community service or charity work.



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MENTORS STILL NEEDED

By Bill Glismann and Roy Singleton

We still have a few schools who are in need of mentors for this year's student competition. These schools that could use your expertise and guidance are:

- Bellevue West
- Central
- Millard West
- Beveridge Middle School
- McMillan Magnet
- Papillion/La Vista

For additional information please contact:

Bill Glismann, 551-8353, bglismann@batheja.com; or Roy Singleton, 554-2098, rsingleton@mail.unomaha.edu.

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WISH YOU WERE HERE?



You can be next July 19, 2007, the date set for our annual Omaha Post Golf Outing! **Mark your calendars to attend!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

By Al Tarrell, Membership Committee Chair

New Individual Members

- Ms. Stacey Froscheiser, Terracon
- Ms. Sheri Rivera, Bechtel-S
- Mr. Dezso Linbrunner, Ho-Chunk Inc.
- Ms. Louetta Arnold, Ho-Chunk Inc.

New Sustaining Members and Representatives:

Spiral Solutions

- Mr. Skip Murray
- Mr. Ralph Ah San
- Mr. Andrew Gelenter (YM)
- Mr. James Gapinski
- Mr. Mark Daniels

An advertisement for MACTEC. The top left features the MACTEC logo with a stylized green and white graphic. To the right, it says 'Consistently ranked in the top 5% of Engineering News-Record's "Top 500 Design Firms"'. Below this, the main headline reads 'Engineering and Constructing a Better Tomorrow.' The background of the ad shows a large silhouette of a bird in flight against a sunset sky. On the left, text describes MACTEC's services: 'MACTEC's unique blend of services and capabilities helps DOD manage risk, preserve the environment and reduce the cost of construction and ownership.' Below this is a bulleted list: 'Environmental, Engineering and Design, and Remedial Construction Services', 'Specialists in over 50 engineering and scientific disciplines', and '100 offices across the United States'. On the right, it says 'Contact Us Today for a Better Tomorrow.' and lists two contact persons: 'Alan Fillip, Reg. Federal Programs Mgr., Wakefield, MA, 781.213.5613' and 'Walter Case, Office Manager, Lincoln, NE, 402.421.7755'. At the bottom, the website 'www.mactec.com' is listed.